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Mr. Borivoj Jasek Hudson County Engineer Division of Engineering 595 County Avenue, Building 3, 2nd Floor Secaucus, New Jersey 07306

Re: Kick-Off Meeting/Interagency Committee Formation Hackensack Meadowlands Floodplain Management Plan FEMA 2004 Community Rating System (CRS)

Dear Mr. Jasek:

You have been invited to join the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's (NJMC) Floodplain Management Plan Interagency Committee, which will hold an introductory meeting at the Office of the Commission, One DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst, New Jersey, on Thursday, February 10, 2005, at 10:00 AM.

The NJMC participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Community Rating System (CRS). This program is voluntary and recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Under the CRS guidelines, the NJMC is responsible for the preparation, adoption, implementation, evaluation, and maintenance of a comprehensive Floodplain Management Plan (the "Plan"). The required components of the Plan include the organization of a Plan Committee comprised of representatives from the municipalities and the public; coordination with local and regional agencies; hazard assessment and the development of mitigation goals and measures; the preparation and adoption of a Plan; and long-term review and evaluation of the resulting Plan.

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As the Plan may complement efforts currently enforced or under development by your agency and may benefit from your expertise, we look forward to your attendance. Directions have been attached for your convenience. Should you have any questions regarding this matter or if special requirements are needed under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Nicholas Agnoli at 201-460-1096.

Sincerely,

Ileana Kafrouni Director of Land Use Management

Cc: Robert R. Ceberio, NJMC

Enclosure